





HARRY HOTSPUR

ACBEAN -

FRANCIS WALSING

QUEEN ELIZABETH, DURING HER TROUBLESOME REIGN IN THE 16TH CENTURY HAD A WISE AND ABLE MINISTER: SIR FRANCIS WALSINGHAM, WHO WAS FAMOUS FOR THE SECRET SERVICE NE ORGANIZED TO PROTECT HIS QUEEN AND COUNTRY. ONE OF HIS MOST BRILLIAHT AGENTS WE ARE TOLD, WAS HARRY HOTSPUR, WHON WALSINGHAM SELECTED FROM THE COURT DANDIES FOR HIS EXCELLENT EDUCATION, PROWESS-AT-ARMS AND DIPLOMATIC EXPERIENCE.



LADY HUMBERLAND

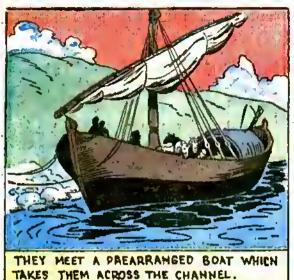
HOTSPUR, LADY HUMBERLAND, AS YOU KNOW, WAS SENT TO ACT AS AN OBSERVER IN KING HEHRY'S COURT. BUT SHE HAS BEEN FOUND OUT AND IS BEING HELD IN MONTBLEU CASTLE, IN EXCHANGE FOR VARIOUS OF THEIR AGENTS WE HAVE IN OUR PRISONS. YOUR JOB IS TO RESCUE HER.



WALSINGHAM ASSIGNS HOTSPUR TO NIS FIRST MISSION.



HOTSPUR, AND HIS SCOTCH MANSER-YANT ANGUS, RIDE SWIFTLY TO THE COAST.









FROM THE SUMMIT OF A HILL THEY CATCH SIGHT OF MONTBLEU CASTLE.





LEAVING ANGUS TO GUARO THEIR HORSES HOTSPUR SWIMS SILENTLY ACROSS THE MOAT.













HOTSPUR IS UP AND OVER THE WALL.





HOTSPUR REMOVES THE GARMENTS FROM THE BODY AND DONS THEM.



THEN HE EASES THE ILL-FATED SENTRY OVER THE PARAPET.



THERE IS A TENSE MOMENT, A GREAT SPLASH, AND THEN, DEAD SILENCE.



THE SPLASH, HOTSPUR DESCENDS



HE FINDS HIS WAY TO THE SCULLER WHERE HE BEGS A KITCHEN-WENCH FOR A BOWL OF BROTH



AS HE TRIES TO FLATTER AND QUESTION HER AT THE SAME TIME, THE CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD ENTERS.

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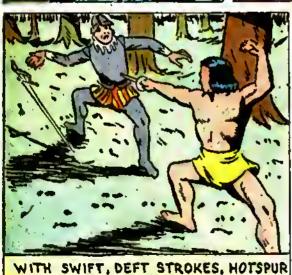






AS ANGUS HELPS HOTSPUR PULL THE LADY HUM-BERLAND OUT OF THE MOAT, THEY ARE BESET BY THREE OF THE CASTLE GUARDS.





TAKES CARE OF ANOTHER.

















HAVE TOO GOOD A LEAD, AND

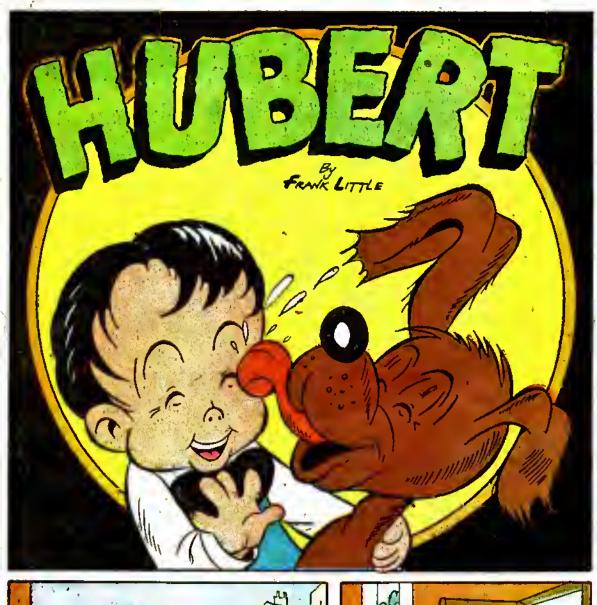
SOON LEAVE THEM BEHIND.

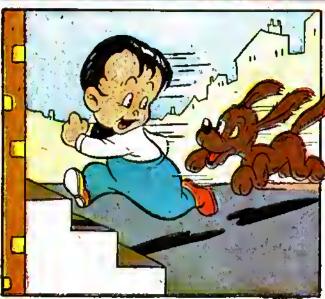
HOTSPUR, THE QUEEN HAS ASKED ME TO THANK YOU MOST HEARTILY FOR YOUR EXCELLENT SERVICE TO THE CROWN IN RESCUING LADY HUMBER . LAND. T'WAS A PLEASURE, N'LORD.



CHANNEL BACK TO ENGLAND.









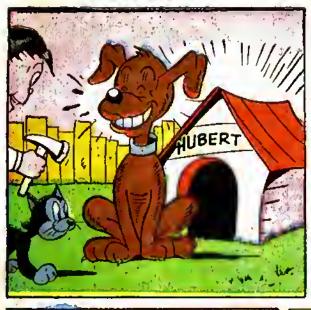




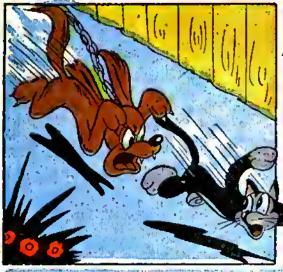












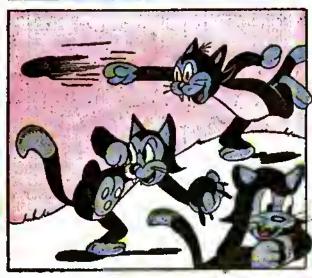








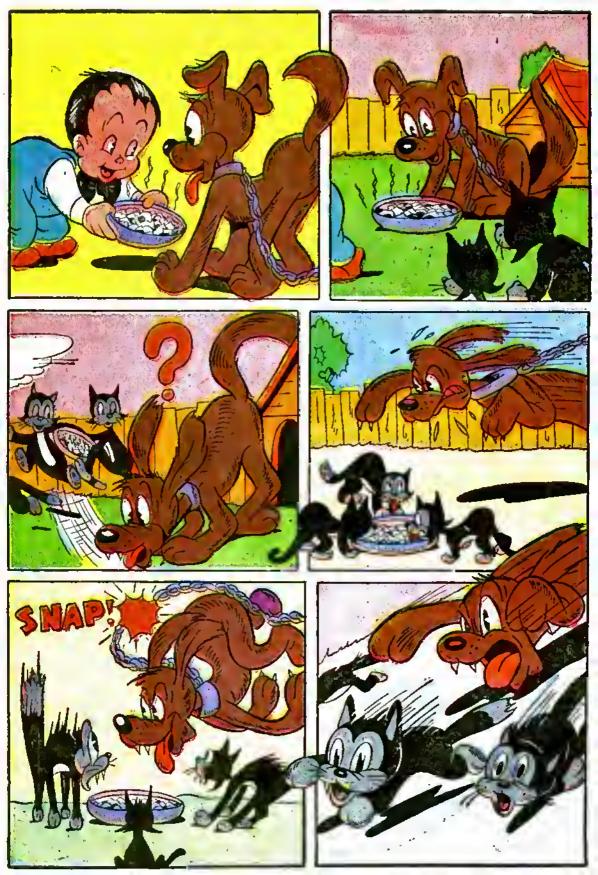




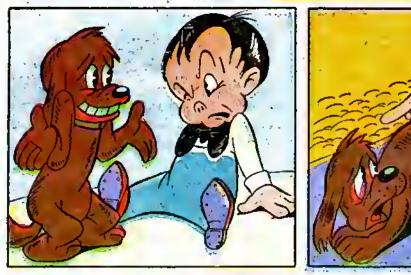






























The Clue That Had Wings

y name is Tom McAllister. I'm a cop and, I think, a pretty good one. I've been on the same beat now for seven years, up and down Broadway between 103rd and the University, and in that time you can see a lot of screwy things. And some that are not so screwy. For instance, there was the old lady that was loved by all the pigeons.

Yes - I said pigeons. This old lady's name was Mrs. Mortimer, I never heard her called anything other than that, and she was a character right out of the book. She lived in an apartment just off Broadway and I guess that nearly everyone, in her apartment building and in those adjoining, wished she was in Timbuctoo or in some other spot I'd better not mention. Because the old girl was nuts about animals and birds, especially birds! The birds — and when you talk of birds in that part of New York you mean pigeons were just as nuts about her. And no wonder. Not only did-old Mrs. Mortimer have that certain little something which made birds and animals trust her, and regard her as their friend, but she spent a lot of money on food for them. Many the time I've passed her and tipped my cap, only to have her stop me and ask if I'd mind carrying her packages a little way. The packages always turned out to be a couple of bushels of grain or cracked corn.

She'd parcel the grain into little paper sacks and, at certain intervals during/the day, toss the sacks out of her apartment window into the street. How the pigeons loved it! They knew her by sight, or instinct, or whatever pigeons use, and it was something to see a couple of hundred of the birds wheeling overhead as the old woman walked down the street. They would follow her for blocks, their wings making a racket that set people to staring and wondering. You've read of the Pied Piper? Well, Mrs. Mortimer didn't have a pipe, but the way those pigeons followed her around you knew that she had something they liked.

Of course there were complaints. People called up the precinct and said that Mrs. Mortimer fed the pigeons too early in the morning, and that the cooing of the birds awakened them. Other people complained because, they said, the birds kept the street dirty in front of the apartment. And some complained just because they thought the old lady was a nut and ought to be put away some place. I took care of a few of that kind myself — and when I got through talking to them they didn't complain anymore.

But one morning I got another complaint. The old lady had committed assault and battery! One of the men in the apartment had shot at a pigeon with an air rifle — and Mrs. Mortimer had gone after him with an umbrella. I guess she put quite a few knots on his skull, because after he got all bandaged up he called the precinct and wanted her arrested. I got the job of going over and trying to smooth things down. She was pouring grain into paper sacks when I entered the apartment.

"Good day, Mr. McAllister," says she. "I presume you've come to arrest me because I struck that rascal over the head with my umbrella! Well — I'm ready to go to jail, but no one is going to mistreat my birds as long as I'm around to prevent it."

It struck me kind of funny. I pictured the old lady, with her long, black dress and piled up gray hair, walking down the corridor between cells. And she'd probably rap the turn-key on the sconce with her umbrella!

"No," I told her. "I don't think we'll put you in jail this time, Mrs. Mortimer. But after this, when there's any trouble, come to us instead of taking it in your own hands. That's what we get paid for, you know."

She just looked at me over a pair of square specs, sniffed a little, and went on filling the grain bags. I left and talked

to the injured party. It didn't take long to convince him that he wasn't going to die, and that it would be better for all concerned if he dropped the assault and battery tharge. Then I went back to the precinct and got out of uniform. And while I was sitting on a bench in the locker room I apotted an ad in a news-

while I was sitting on a bench in the locker room I spotted an ad in a newspaper that act me to thinking. It looked like something I might be able to interest Mrs. Mortimer in.

Someone was advertising, for sale, an aviary which was set somewhere up in the Catskills. The paper represented the spot as a five acre tract, with groves, a lake,

as a five acre tract, with groves, a lake, gless cages, and all the rest. It sounded like a regular bird paradise, and a swell place for a bird lover. In fact—it sounded like just the spot for old Mrs. Mortimer. She had plenty of money, that I knew, and if she could be persuaded to give up her apartment and go to the Catskills it would solve a lot of problems. So, in civilian clothes, I headed for the old lady's

apartment.

I never got there. Things started to happen just as I rounded the corner from Broadway and started down the hill toward Riverside Drive. Things were confused at the time, end still are to a certain degree, but this is the way I remember it happening:

Mrs. Moftimer was coming up the hill toward me. She had just thrown a sack of grain to her pigeons, and a couple of hundred of them were aquabbling over it. And watching the pigeons fight over the grain was a little girl. I didn't know at the time that she had golden hair and blue eyes,

or that the was the little daughter of

Horace Donahue, the real estate man. I found all that out later on.

The ear was long and blue. I remembered the late evening sun glinting on it like light on a deep blue lake. It came

like light on a deep blue lake. It came swiftly into the curb, the door opened, and a man leaped out. He walked atraight toward the little girl. She just stood there, smiling at him and at the aquabiling pi-

geons. Then he reached for her, picked

her up, and started back toward the car

with her.

I sprinted down the hill, knowing all the time that it was hopeless, that the car was already, moving away. I was carrying my gun, but couldn't use it, for fear of hitting the little girl. I felt pretty sick, running toward that ear.

But the old lady did better. She had been within ten feet of the girl when the

"Stop!" That was me, coming to life at

last. I knew the girl was being kidnapped.

man grabbed her, and she got the picture quicker than I did. She was at the door of the car, yelling at the top of her lungs, and clawing at the driver of the car, while I was still fifty feet away. There was only one thing for the kidnappers to do. They did it. They pulled the old lady is with

them and jammed down the gas pedal.

But I can run. And I was almost at the

car door, speeding in second gear as it was, when one of the men leaned out and let go with a pistol. He was nervous and jumpy—the old gal had upset them, I guess—and he missed my center section. But he did clip me along the skull and I went down into a long, black, whirling hole in the concrete.

I came back to the world in a hospital

bed. My friend Murphy was looking at

me and grinning. He started answering

boys got there and picked you out of the

street, and heard the story, they found

the trail all marked for them. The kid-

questions before even I could ask them.
"You're s brave lad," he said, "You'll
get a medal, I suppose. We caught the
kidnappers and the old lady and the girl
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"But how . . "

"The birds," said Murphy. "When the

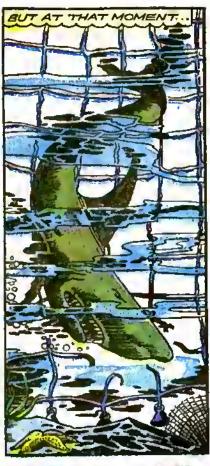
nappers' car was caught in traffic tian blocks away — with two hundred pigeons circling over it, thinking the old lady was going to feed them. They might as well have put a beacon on the car!"

A nurse came in with my lunch and word that an old lady wanted to see me, "A Mrs. Mortimer," she said. "Rather a funny old person."
"Show her in," I ordered. Then I looked

at my lunch and let out a yell. "And hide this, for all the Saints' sakes!"

It was roast squab!

























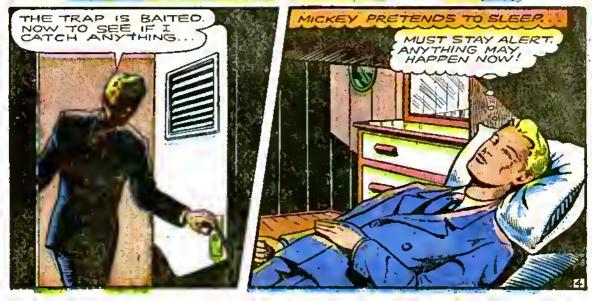


MICKEY PUTS HIS PLAN FOR GOOD-







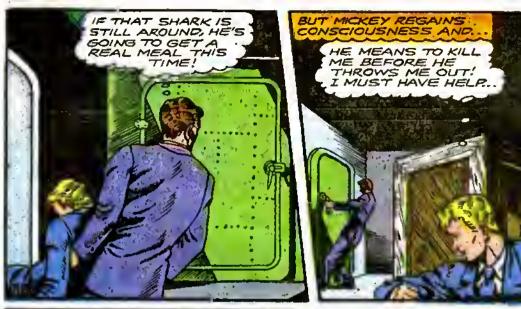




















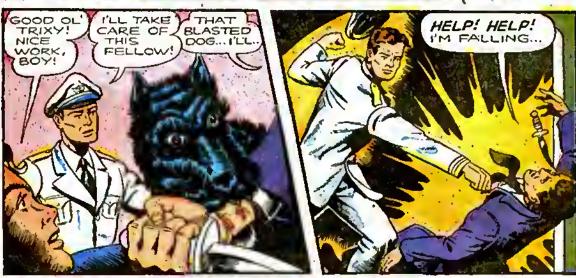




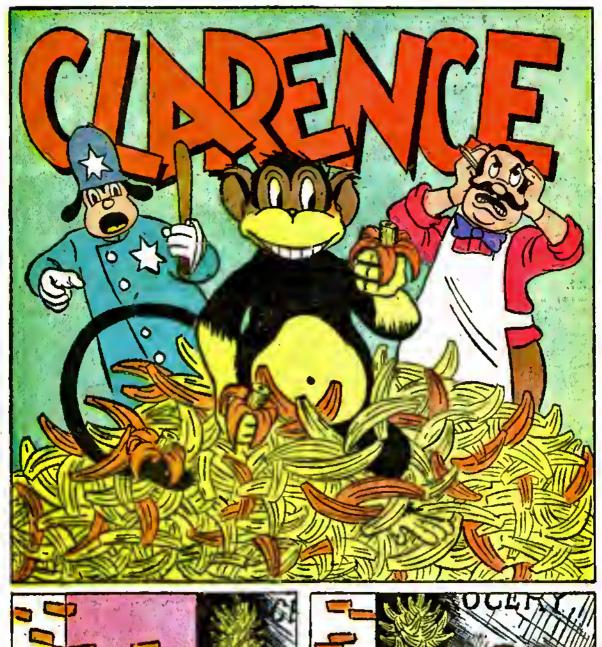






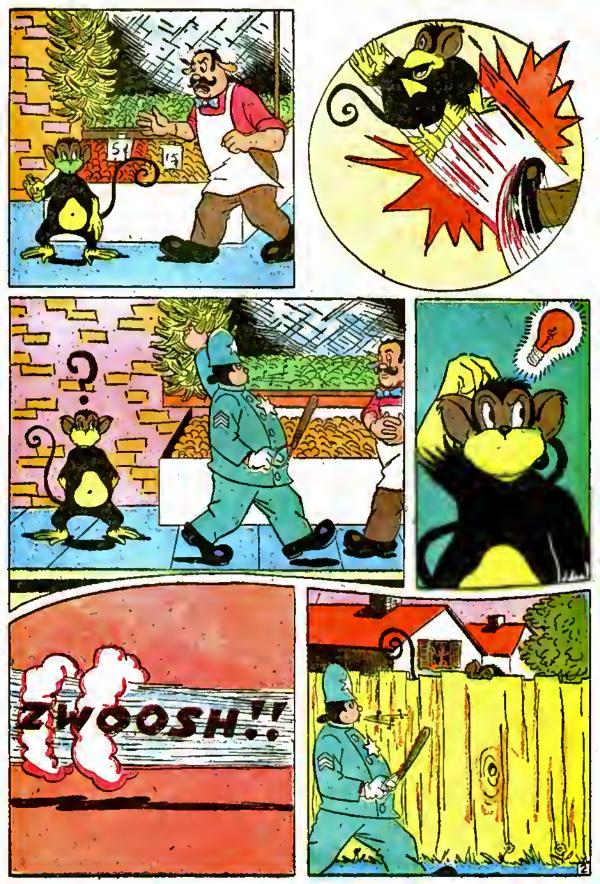


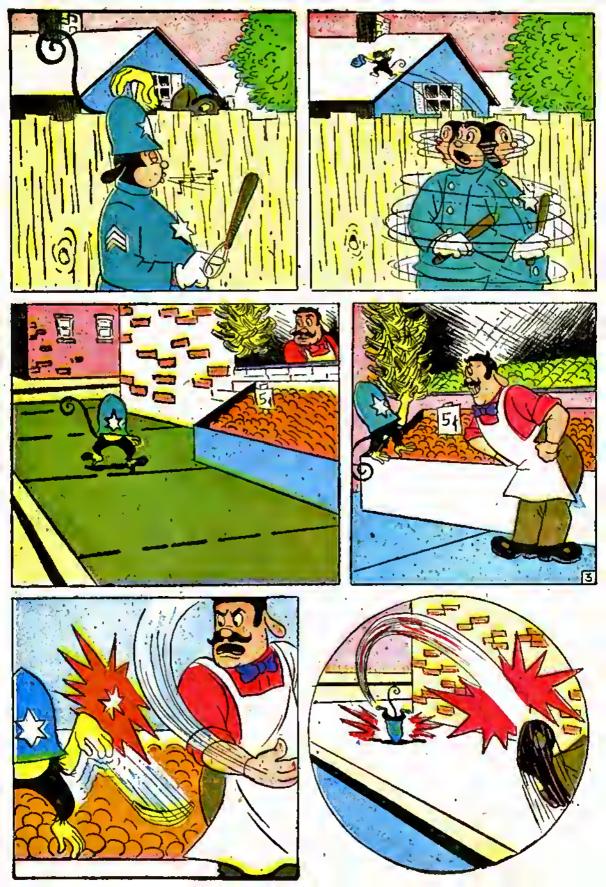








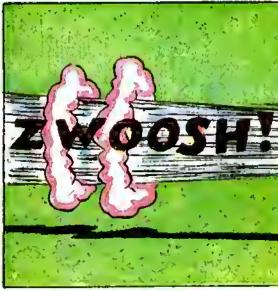


























































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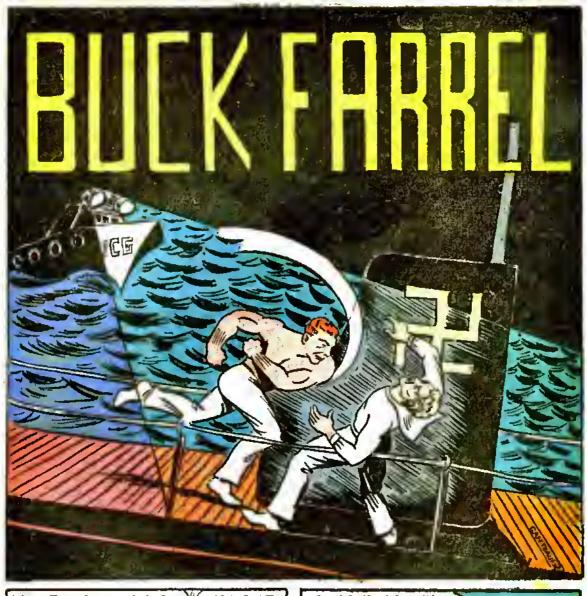














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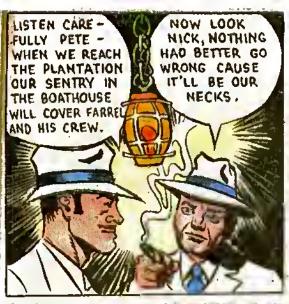








THE CABIN LAMP.











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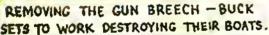






NOT HAVE TIME TO CRY OUT.











TO CONTACT THE COAST GUARD.

